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DEPARTMENT PASS SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJECT: BELGIAN SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION

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1. WE ARE POUCHING TO SSA (WILLIAM YOFFEE, INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICE) A COPY OF A BELGIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION, "APERCU DE LA SECURITE SOCIALE EN BELGIQUE", THAT DESCRIBES IN FAIRLY DETAILED BUT COMPREHENSIBLE FASHION, THE OPERATION OF THE BELGIAN SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. WE ARE ALSO SENDING A GUIDE (IN ENGLISH) TO SOCIAL SECURITY FOR MIGRANT WORKERS IN BELGIUM THAT IS PUT OUT BY THE EC, PLUS ONE (IN FRENCH) COVERING SOCIAL SECURITY FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN EC MEMBER STATES, ALSO PUT OUT BY THE EC.

2. THE "APERCU", REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 CONTAINS A LIST OF BILATERAL CONVENTIONS BETWEEN BELGIUM AND OTHER COUNTRIES ALONG WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR PRINCIPAL FEATURES. RATHER THAN OBTAINING COPIES OF ALL OF THESE, WHICH ARE SOMEWHAT DUPLICATIVE, WE SUGGEST THAT SSA TELL US WHICH ONES WOULD
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BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AFTER REVIEWING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE "APERCU".

3. THE LEGISLATION ITSELF IS COMPLEX, SCATTERED, REplete WITH CROSS-REFERENCES, AND REQUIRES A KNOWLEDGE OF THE BELGIAN LEGAL SYSTEM TO BE PROPERLY INTERPRETED. WE CAN OBTAIN COPIES OF ANY LEGISLATION THAT SSA FEELS WOULD BE

RELEVANT AFTER STUDYING THE "APERCU".

4. WE WILL SUPPLY WHATEVER US/BELGIAN RESIDENCE AND
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH BY SEPARATE
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